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TAGS:PINR, PBOR, IS, LE, SY, PLO

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: TEL AVIV 7784

YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH ASSAD
TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS ON THE SOUTH
LEBANON SITUATION, AS COMING FROM ME:

-- FOLLOWING MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND AFTER CONSULTA-
TION WITH THE PRESIDENT, WE ADDRESSED MESSAGE TO BEGIN
ASKING THAT ISRAEL ACT WITH ALL POSSIBLE RESTRAINT WITH
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REGARD TO THE SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION AND ALLOW TIME FOR
THE SHTOURAH AGREEMENT TO WORK OUT.

-- WE ASSURED THE ISRAELIS THAT THE SYRIANS WERE DOING
THEIR BEST TO INSIST THAT THE PALESTINIANS LIVE UP TO THE
SHTOURAH AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM THE
SOUTH. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY WOULD MOVE NORTH OF

THE LITANI RIVER AND TO THE ARQOUB.

-- BEGIN HAS ASSURED US THAT, IF THERE WERE AN EFFECTIVE
CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF PLO FORCES, HE WOULD DO ALL IN
HIS POWER TO PERSUADE THE CHRISTIANS NOT RPT NOT TO OCCUPY
VILLAGES FROM WHICH THE PLO HAS WITHDRAWN.

-- WE CONSIDER THIS AN IMPORTANT COMMITMENT. WE URGE
THAT ASSAD REDOUBLE HIS EFFORTS WITH THE PLO LEADERSHIP
AND OTHER PALESTINIANS TO ENSURE THAT A CEASEFIRE AND
PULL-BACK TAKE PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF THIRD STAGE OF SHTOURAH AGREEMENT.

-- THIS WOULD BE IN PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN
STABILIZING THE SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION AND PERMITTING
THE SARKIS GOVERNMENT TO ASSERT AUTHORITY IN THIS PART
OF THE COUNTRY. VANCE

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